Road from Beemapalli to Sri Mulam Lock

52. **MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to open a road from Beemapalli (near Valiaturai) to Sri Mulam Lock ; and

(*b*) at what stage the work is now ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Acquisition of necessary lands on nominal compensation.

Selection of candidates for the Engineering College at Madras.

53. **MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) (i) how many candidates from Travancore are selected for training in the Engineering College at Madras ; and

(ii) the nature of the assistance, by way of stipends, etc., rendered to them by the Government ; and

(*b*) how many applications from Muslims were received by the Government during the last 10 years for admission to the Madras Engineering College and whether any one has been selected therefor ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) (i) Four for the Engineer class and four for the subordinate class.

(ii) The member is referred to the Travancore Government Gazette Notification R. O. C. No. 1560/34/P. W., dated the 31st March 1934 and to the Madras Government Order No. M. S. 1757 dated the 3rd December 1932 on the subject.

(*b*) The arrangement with the Madras Government regarding the admission of Travancore students and the reservation of seats for them in the Engineering College, Madras, came into effect only from the beginning of the academic year 1933-1934. Among the applicants for selection in the first batch (1933-1934), there was no Muhammadan applicant.

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